



Minutes NV COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE	October 7, 2003
TIME	1:15 pm – 3:00 pm
LOCATION	2525 South Carson Street – Carson City 555 East Washington Street – Las Vegas
RECORDER	Maggie Thorne

ATTENDANCE

Carson City Members	Present	Las Vegas Members	Present
Terry Savage, Chair, Dept of Information Technology	✓	Bill Donahoe, US Dept of Energy	✓
Robert Chisel, Dept of Transportation	✓	Dennis Cobb for Ray Flynn, LV Metro Police Dept	✓
Neil Harris, Elko County Sheriff's Office	✓	Bob Lossle, FBI	
Cherrill Cristmas, NV Health Division	✓	Dave Edwards for James Spinello, Clark County	✓
Freeman Johnson, Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources	✓	Jack Staley, LV Valley Water District	✓
Bob Wideman for Dave Hosmer Dept of Public Safety	✓		
Dan Newell, City of Yerington	✓		
Ralph Jaeck, City of Reno	✓		
Chris Lake, NV Hospital Association	✓		
Dan Holler, Douglas County			

Staff

Name	Present	Name	Present
Mark Blomstrom, Dept of Information Technology		Gladys Myler, Attorney General's Office	✓
Maggie Thorne, Dept of Information Technology	✓	Dave McTeer Dept of Administration	
Jim Wilson, Clark County/SNACC	✓		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Savage call the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

Terry mentioned that until recently there was confusion on the status of the Homeland Security Commission and at some point NCSC needs to get themselves reattached to the Commission. Until that happens we will conducting ourselves as the State Executive Interoperability Commission which the FCC recommends

Gladyde mentioned that originally when money started coming into the State, the Division of Emergency Management, Frank Sircusa put together a steering committee to help

take care of those funds and granting them out and so on. Then the Steering Committee put together some subcommittees one of which was the Communications Subcommittee which this was a part of which I get from Terry Savage. The problem is that once AB441 when into affect it did away with all the committees and it created the Homeland Security Commission and once that's in place they will need to reestablish all the committees if they are going to do that. They have the same mandates that the old Committee had, but they are going to have to do them with this new structure. Hopefully they will take this committee as a subcommittee of the Commission also.

Glade also mentioned that the new Commission would be meeting on November 5 in Las Vegas and that it would be a good idea if the NCSC could get themselves on the agenda. Glade suggested Terry speak with Frank Siracusa.

No actions where taken on the minutes.

II ROLL CALL/MINUTES

The roll call was conducted by Maggie Thorne. Present: 11 members, 2 alternates.
Absent: 2

No action was taken on the minutes of August 5 or September 2. Terry indicated once the group was recognized again, all minutes would be deferred.

III. GRANTS UPDATE

An update of the Clark County 8 million dollar grant for interoperability and communication equipment was presented to the group, 6 million of which is federal funds. Almost every agency in the area is involved in the project. The project will be 800Mhz.

IV. GRANTS REVIEW PROCESS

Terry suggested action on this be delayed until the new Commission gets up and running. At that time, NCSC could make a proposal on how we think we should have input on those communication grants.

V. COMMUNICATION INTEROPERABILITY PLAN

Terry reemphasized the need for this group to develop the plan and discussed the various phases for development.

(Terry asked if anyone was rustling papers near a microphone and Robert Chisel confessed he was guilty. Robert was reprimanded and the discussion was continued)

Terry instructed the Tech Subcommittee to begin the inventory process immediately to include "how old their systems are" and "what their replacement cycles are." That information will assist in writing the transition plan. Jim Wilson suggested everyone read the ***Frank Thatcher Report***.

VI. TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Jim Wilson mentioned that the Committee had not met for a while, but that had a long agenda to tackle following today's meeting of NCSC.

VII. MEMBER UPDATES AND COORDINATION

No member update was scheduled.

Ralph Jaeck did invite all members to hold the next NCSC meeting at the City of Reno's new Communication Center of Washoe County. Ralph said that he would like to have everyone come early, have lunch and a tour followed by our regular meeting at 1:15 pm. This would be held for the November 4 meeting.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Terry asked if there were any legislative comments from the North (meaning Carson City.) North comment: Arnold, Arnold (Swartznegger) – Terry: That's Northwest (California) – North: It's Interoperability! (Lots of chuckles)

Next IFC: November 18 at which time DPS, NDOT and DoIT will report back on the status of the public safety system.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry asked if there was any objection to short meetings. No objections given.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm

Future Meeting: November 4 – 1:15 m

Washoe County's Communication Center, Reno, NV

Vegas: Governor's Conference Room, 555 E. Washington Street

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Draft minutes submitted by Maggie Thorne, 9/3/2003

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
